



Frequently Asked Questions

Renewing A Washington State Well Operator's License

Under the revised 1998 licensing regulations, all well drillers renewing their Washington State Well Operator's License, must show proof of Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Drillers are required to obtain 14 CEUs in order to renew a license when it expires in 2000 or 2001. For this renewal period **ONLY**, CEUs may include those earned since 1993.

Once the license is renewed in 2000 or 2001, the CEU count will return to zero (0). Then every two years a licensed driller will need to earn at least 14 CEUs.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will be sending renewal notices six weeks prior to the expiration of their license. **However, it is the driller's responsibility to make sure the license is renewed before it expires.** If the license expires, drillers will need to repeat the license application process.

We're currently revising our CEU log sheet tracking form. This form is meant for your use when tracking CEUs and **does not** count as proof of continuing education. As other organizations let us know of upcoming classes, workshops, etc. we will list them on our website (<http://www.wa.gov/ecology/wr/wrhome.html>).

These are answers to the most commonly asked questions:

Q. *I have 16 CEUs and I'm supposed to renew my license on 4/1/00. I will have two CEUs left. Can I use them for the next time I renew my license in 2002?*

A. Unfortunately, no. CEUs **cannot** be carried over into the next licensing period after the renewal date of your license. As of 4/1/00, your CEU count will start over at zero (0).

Q. *My license has expired. What can I do?*

A. If your license does expire, you will have to apply for a new license and you may be required to take the written exam. To help ensure that you receive your renewal form, please make sure that Ecology has your current address on file.

Q. *What counts as proof of attendance for CEUs?*

A. Proof consists of copies of certificates, cards (such as first-aid or hazardous materials cards), registration forms, etc. We need something to show you attended the class, seminar, or workshop.

Q. *How do I get my classes pre-approved, so that I know ahead of time how many CEUs they're worth?*

A. Classes may be pre-approved by asking Ecology for an evaluation form. This form will ask the driller to provide information on course content, length and the instructor. Send the completed evaluation form to Marian Bruner, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600. Ecology and the Technical Advisory Committee will screen the forms, and CEUs will be assigned based on the information supplied.

Q. *Will Ecology track my CEUs?*

A. We have a database to track CEUs. Send in your proof (make sure your **driller license number** is on it) and it will be entered into the database. However, it's your responsibility to track your CEUs.

Q. *If I have a water well AND a resource protection license, do I need 28 CEUs?*

A. No, it doesn't matter how many licenses you have. You need a minimum of 14 CEUs to renew your licenses.

Q. *If I'm taking a class concerning other state's drilling regulations, will this class count towards my CEU requirements?*

A. No, you must take classes pertaining to Washington State law in order for the CEUs to count towards your Washington State license.

Q. *If I'm taking classes on subjects other than drilling regulations in other states will these classes count towards my CEU requirements?*

A. Yes, as long as the class you take deals with aspects of the drilling industry, they may count towards CEUs. (See Ecology's listing of approved CEU classes on our website at <http://www.wa.gov/ecology/wr/wrhome.html>).

Q. *How do I get more information?*

A. For more information on CEU requirements, contact Marian Bruner at Washington State Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600; phone number (360) 407-6650; or e-mail at mbru461@ecy.wa.gov.

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